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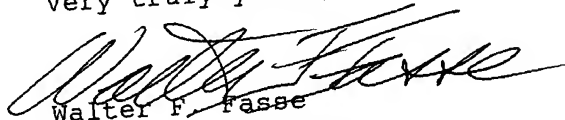
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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No.: 4512
Inventor: Joerg SCHUMACHER
Title: Apparatus and Method for Regulating the
Weld Seam Position During Laser Welding
of a Butt-Jointed Workpiece

Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
 - a) 36 consecutive pages of written description;
9 consecutive pages with 30 claims, 2 independent;
1 page with an abstract;
4 sheets with 4 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 4) of drawings;
 - b) an unexecuted copy of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;
 - c) return receipt postcard; and
 - d) Priority Document No. 102 34 242.3.
- 2) Form PTO-2038 WILL FOLLOW to cover the filing fee.
- 3) The Priority of an earlier application:
No. 102 34 242.3, filed on July 9, 2002 in the Federal Republic of Germany
is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please
acknowledge the priority claim.
- 4) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.
- 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:
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Very truly yours,


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